



EXHIBIT 20  
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HB 645

## Montana Children's Initiative

### Funding Priorities for

### HB 645 (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act)

The priorities for the Montana Children's Initiative are simply.

1. Provider Rate Infrastructure enhancement – A 2% increase in provider rates for infrastructure enhancements would increase efficiencies and provide long term benefits that will help providers reduce costs. Projects would include: Facility Improvements to reduce energy consumption, vehicle upgrades, technology improvements, and staff development.  
Cost \$3,000,000
2. Foster Care Rates – Implement the Minimum Adequate Rates for Care as described in HB 353  
Cost \$2,400,000
3. Rate Commission Study - This Study would restructure the manner in which the state establishes rates to consider outcomes and results.  
Cost \$1,000,000
4. Systems of Care - Funding to complete the SAMSHA grant and allow the study provided for in HB243 by Rep. Hunter to determine future needs for supporting an effective system of care.  
Cost \$1,500,000

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